

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please make the paragraph substitutions indicated below. The specific changes incorporated in the substitute paragraphs are shown in the following marked-up versions of the original paragraphs.

The paragraph beginning on page 1, line 10 is amended as follows:

Embodiments of the inventive subject matter relate generally to the field of component assembly and, more particularly, to a fastener installation tool.

The paragraph beginning on page 4, line 20 is amended as follows:

In the following detailed description of embodiments of the invention, reference is made to the accompanying drawings which form a part hereof, and in which is shown by way of illustration specific preferred embodiments in which the inventive subject matter may be practiced. These embodiments are described in sufficient detail to enable those skilled in the art to practice them, and it is to be understood that other embodiments may be utilized and that architectural, structural, compositional, mechanical, and electrical changes may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the inventive present subject matter. The following detailed description is, therefore, not to be taken in a limiting sense, and the scope of embodiments of the present invention is defined only by the appended claims. Such embodiments of the inventive subject matter may be referred to, individually and/or collectively, herein by the term "invention" merely for convenience and without intending to voluntarily limit the scope of this application to any single invention or inventive concept if more than one is in fact disclosed.

The paragraph beginning on page 5, line 1 is amended as follows:

Embodiments of the inventive subject matter provide a solution to the problem of bulky, unwieldy, and non-ergonomic fastener installation tools by providing a light-weight, hand-held, non-electrified fastener installation tool that generates minimal kick-back to the tool operator.

The paragraph beginning on page 5, line 22 is amended as follows:

The inventive subject matter, as implemented in various embodiments, provides an ergonomic tool that generates only minimal kick-back to its operator, thus reducing the likelihood of repetitive stress type injuries to the operator. A fastener installation tool implemented in accordance with the inventive subject matter is relatively inexpensive and is easy to use.

The paragraph beginning on page 6, line 6 is amended as follows:

Fastener installation tool 10 also comprises a tip adapter 185 into which the operator can position a fastener or other device to be driven by tool 10. Although fastener installation tool 10 is illustrated as generally cylindrical in FIG. 1, the inventive subject matter can be implemented in any shape or structure.

Please delete the sub-title "Conclusion" on page 20, line 10.

The paragraph beginning on page 20, line 12 is amended as follows:

The inventive subject matter provides for a fastener installation tool to install fasteners with only minimal reactive forces to the operator's hand, thus reducing the risk of repetitive injuries to the operator's body. The fastener operates upon a combination of vacuum and air pressure. A hammer pin for driving the fastener is physically independent of an air-pressure driven piston, so that the hammer pin is thrust against the fastener using kinetic energy without appreciable kick-back to the operator. The fastener installation tool reduces repetitive motion injuries to an operator. The fastener installation tool is light and can be easily held in one hand. The fastener installation tool is relatively inexpensive and can be used with a wide variety of fastener types, thus reducing production costs of equipment having components that require fasteners, so that such equipment can be more commercially competitive.

The paragraph beginning on page 20, line 23 is amended as follows:

As shown herein, the inventive subject matter can be implemented in a number of different embodiments, including but not limited to a fastener installation tool and various methods for using a fastener installation tool. Other embodiments will be readily apparent to those of ordinary skill in the art.

The paragraph beginning on page 21, line 16 is amended as follows:

The various elements depicted in the drawings are merely representational and are not drawn to scale. Certain proportions thereof may be exaggerated, while others may be minimized. The drawings are intended to illustrate various implementations of the inventive subject matter, which can be understood and appropriately carried out by those of ordinary skill in the art.

The paragraph beginning on page 21, line 21 is amended as follows:

Although specific embodiments have been illustrated and described herein, it will be appreciated by those of ordinary skill in the art that any arrangement that is calculated to achieve the same purpose may be substituted for the specific embodiment shown. This application is intended to cover any adaptations or variations of the inventive subject matter. Therefore, it is manifestly intended that embodiments of this invention be limited only by the claims and the equivalents thereof.